1	2	3
7	Jammu and Kashmir .	2,346
8	Karnataka . . .	15,707
9	Kerala	12,100
10	Madhya Pradesh . .	17,941
11	Maharashtra . . .	31,496
12	Manipur	1,256
13	Meghalaya . . .	2,001
14	Nagaland . . .	185
15	Orissa	19,341
16	Punjab	10,801
17	Rajasthan . . .	12,511
18	Sikkim	1,065
19	Tamil Nadu . . .	18,009
20	Tripura	917
21	Uttar Pradesh . . .	23,756
22	West Bengal . . .	18,824
23	A & N Islands . .	207
24	Arunachal Pradesh . .	287
25	Chandigarh . . .	230
26	Dadra and Nagar Haveli .	44
27	Delhi	2,854
28	Goa, Daman & Diu . .	421
29	Lakshadweep . . .	25
30	Mizoram	626
31	Pondicherry . . .	204
	TOTAL : .	3,02,360

Prices of edible oils

320. SHRI DIPEN GHOSH:
SHRI ARABINDA GHOSH:

Will the Minister of FOOD AND CIVIL SUPPLIES be pleased to state what are the reasons that despite heavy imports and the increased indigeneous production of edible oils, their prices continue to rise and are higher during the current year as compared to that in the last year?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE DEPARTMENT OF ELECTRONICS AND IN THE MINISTRY OF FOOD AND CTVIL SUPPLIES (SHRI M. S. SANJEEVI RAO); The rise in prices of indigenous edible oils is due to several factors including the continued impact of the drought of 192, low carry-over stocks at the beginning of the current oil year, increased demand and the increase in the prices of other commodities. Inadequate supply management of imported edible oils in some States and lack of adequate infrastructure to handle larger quantity of imported edible oils allocated to States are other problems, which are being tackled to ensure that the supplies to consumers are maintained.

Control of Floods

321. SHRI DIPEN GHOSH: Will the Minister of IRRIGATION be pleased to state the steps Government have taken for regular dredging of river beds and what other preventive measures have been taken to check recurrence of floods?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF IRRIGATION (SHRI RAM NIWAS MIRDHA): Dredging of river beds for controlling the floods is not a techno-economically viable proposition. However, construction of embankments, drainage channels, anti-erosion arm river training works, flood forecasting survey of flood plain zoning are some of the preventive measures for which substantially increased outlays have been provided during the Sixth Plan to tackle the flood problem.

Categorisation of Disease-prone States/Districts

323. SHRI DIPEN GHOSH:
SHRI K. MOHANAN:

Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have conducted any study to categorise disease-prone States, Districts, etc.;